

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES DIVISION



# COMMERCIAL FOWL HUNTING PRESERVE

## Application

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**Valid: Oct 1 – Sept 30**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Eyes: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Hm (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Wk (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cl (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (list additional partners on back in same format)

(1) Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Hm (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Wk (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cl (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

If Applicable, completing this entire section is required.

Name of Preserve: \_\_\_\_\_

Fed ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Incorporation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage \_\_\_\_\_

Is hunting preserve opened to the public? ☐ Yes ☐ No (required)

Species to be hunted: \_\_\_\_\_ (required)

Upon approval by the local Conservation Enforcement Officer, license may be obtained by presenting this approved application to the Probate Judge or License Commissioner of the appropriate county, or

**Submit:** (1) completed application, (2) check or money order, and (3) copy of driver's license for EACH APPLICANT to: Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Div., Attn: License Sales, PO Box 301456, Montgomery, AL 36130-1456, or by walk-in or express mail requests: 64 N Union Street, Ste 567, 36104. Questions: (334) 242-3465 or [joeanne.stjohn@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:joeanne.stjohn@dcnr.alabama.gov)

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To be excluded from any list of names sold by ADCNR, please check this box ☐

C.E.O. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Radio: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of acres \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

(1) DCNR IS NOW REQUIRED BY SECTION 30-3-194(A) CODE OF ALABAMA 1975 TO COLLECT SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS ON ALL RECREATIONAL LICENSES BEING ISSUED/RENEWED.

**Section 9-11-410****License required; rules and regulations.**

Any person, firm, or corporation desiring to operate a hunting or shooting preserve commercially on which artificially propagated birds may be hunted, taken, captured, killed, harvested or otherwise recovered, may do so upon obtaining a hunting preserve license and complying with the provisions of this article and all rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner of conservation and natural resources governing the operation of hunting preserves.

**Section 9-11-411****Site of preserve; marking of boundaries; proximity to other preserves or management areas; turkey shooting prohibited.**

Each hunting preserve shall contain a minimum of 100 acres in one tract of leased or owned land, including water area, if any, and shall be restricted to not more than 1,000 contiguous acres including water, if any. The exterior boundaries of each hunting preserve shall be bordered by a clearly marked single strand of wire or fences, except where rivers, creeks, roads or other clearly defined demarcations or delineations form the boundary or a part thereof. Signs shall be erected at intervals of not less than 330 feet around the perimeter of the tract. At the top of each sign shall appear in letters not less than two inches high the words, "LICENSED HUNTING PRESERVE," and such other words as the commissioner of conservation may prescribe. No hunting preserve shall be located within one mile of any other such preserve or within one mile of any management area or refuge existing under state or federal law or regulations at the time of the establishment of such hunting preserve. No license shall be issued for any hunting preserve on which the shooting of turkeys is authorized.

**Section 9-11-412****Fowl to be hunted; minimum stock released for hunting.**

Game which may be hunted on a preserve licensed under this article shall be artificially propagated or "pen-raised" bob-white quail, pheasants, chukar partridge and such other species of fowl as the commissioner of conservation and natural resources shall designate. A minimum stock of at least 1,000 bob-white quail, if bob-white quail are to be hunted on the preserve, or a minimum stock of 200 of each of the other species of birds, listed above, to be hunted on a licensed preserve shall be released on the licensed hunting area during each hunting period.

**Section 9-11-413****License fee; application procedures; disposition of fees.**

The privilege license or permit fee for operating a hunting preserve shall be \$25.00 per year for the first 100 acres of hunting preserve area plus \$5.00 per year for each additional 100

acres or part thereof. Any person who desires to operate such a hunting preserve shall first file a request with a local state game warden, or with the state department of conservation and natural resources, to have the tract which he proposes to use as a hunting preserve inspected, and if it meets the requirements of this article and the rules and regulations of the department of conservation and natural resources he shall have a permit issued to him to procure a license to operate such hunting preserve. The applicant shall be advised of any discrepancies in writing for remedial action and a date shall be set for reinspection. Upon presentation to the judge of probate of the county in which the preserve is located of a permit from the department of conservation and natural resources, dated not more than thirty days prior to its presentation, accompanied by the proper license fee prescribed in this section, and an issuance fee of \$.50, the judge of probate shall issue a privilege license to operate a hunting preserve to the applicant. Privilege licenses to operate hunting preserves shall be issued on forms prescribed by the commissioner of conservation and furnished by him to the judge of probate. All fees collected by the judge of probate for issuing hunting preserve licenses shall be remitted at the same time and in the same manner that hunting and fishing license fees are remitted and shall be paid into the game and fish fund of the state department of conservation and natural resources.

#### **Section 9-11-414**

### **Limits on harvest; exception of "pen-raised quail"; hunting period for "pen-raised birds."**

The holder of a license issued pursuant to this article, his guest and patrons may hunt, take, capture, kill, harvest or otherwise recover during the year no more than 80 percent of the total number of each species of birds released on the preserve during such year. Since said bob-white are artificially propagated or "pen-raised quail" and may otherwise be commercially sold under the provisions of sections 9-11-340 through 9-11-351, without restriction as to daily limit or any hunting season applicable to wild quail, there shall be no daily commercial limit as to the number of released "pen-raised quail" commercially taken or recovered by patrons under the provisions of this article and the period during which each species of "pen-raised birds" may be hunted, taken, captured, killed or otherwise recovered on such preserve shall begin on October 1 each year and extend through March 31 of the following calendar year.

#### **Section 9-11-415**

### **Tagging of bob-white quail; operators to cooperate with commissioner of conservation and natural resources; tagging generally.**

Bob-white quail shall be tagged with a self-sealing tag prior to being released on the preserve. The operators of hunting preserves shall cooperate in other requests which the commissioner of conservation and natural resources might make for scientific investigations. The Alabama department of conservation and natural resources shall specify tags which hunting preserve operators shall use, the tags to be numbered consecutively, dated by year of issuance and carry the operator's license number.

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[www.legislature.state.al.us](http://www.legislature.state.al.us)Commercial Fowl Hunting Preserve – Resident/Non-Resident *Revised: 04-06***Section 9-11-416****Records of hunters and amount and species of game taken; inspection.**

Each hunting preserve operator shall maintain a register and record therein the names, addresses, hunting license numbers, the date on which each hunted and the amount and species of game taken by each hunter. An accurate record by species shall also be maintained of the total number of birds raised on the preserve or purchased, and the number of each species released thereon each year. These records shall be open to inspection by any duly authorized representative of the state department of conservation and natural resources at any reasonable time.

**Section 9-11-417****Hunting licenses required of preserve patrons; seven-day license; operators as agent vendors of licenses.**

(a) Alabama hunting licenses shall be required of all persons hunting on licensed hunting preserves. Alabama residents shall be licensed under the regularly established game laws. Each non-resident hunting on a licensed preserve shall be required to possess a regular non-resident annual hunting license or a non-resident trip hunting license.

(b) In lieu of a regular hunting license as provided in subsection (a), either a resident or a non-resident may purchase a seven-day commercial fowl hunting preserve license that allows that person the privilege of hunting only artificially propagated or pen-raised fowl as designated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources as legal to hunt on a licensed commercial fowl hunting preserve. The cost of a seven-day commercial fowl hunting preserve license shall be \$8.00, plus a \$2.00 issuance fee. The license shall be valid for seven consecutive days from the date of issuance.

(c) To better serve the public and in order that the state will not lose revenue from the loss of sale of licenses to out-of-state visitors arriving on weekends, each hunting preserve operator licensed pursuant to this article shall be an agent vendor of all non-resident and resident hunting licenses with any issuance fees collected therefor to be remitted to the judge of probate of the county in which the preserve is located.

**Section 9-11-418****Enforcement of game and fish laws; inspection of preserves.**

Duly authorized agents of the state department of conservation and natural resources, game wardens and other law enforcement officers duly authorized to enforce game and fish laws shall have authority to enforce all game and fish laws and regulations on such preserves; and for such purposes are authorized to enter and inspect licensed hunting preserves.

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**Section 9-11-419****Violations; license revocation.**

Any person, firm or corporation who is found guilty of operating a licensed hunting preserve in violation of any provision of this article, upon conviction, shall have his hunting preserve license revoked forthwith.

**Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources**  
**Regulation 220-2-.25**

**Imported Game Birds, Game Animals and Raw Furs Subject to State Laws**

(2) Any private commercial shooting preserve that is licensed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may, by obtaining a special letter permit from the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, hunt any species of exotic or non-native birds at any time of the year when such exotic or non-native birds have been stocked on said hunting preserves. Provided, however, that this regulation shall not apply to any bird or animal that appears on the U.S. Department of the Interior's and State of Alabama's "Endangered Species" list.

(3) Native game birds and animals other than species listed on hunting preserve license may be taken only on licensed hunting preserves during legal hunting seasons and when taken by properly licensed hunters abiding by any bag limits and other regulations that may be promulgated by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or established by law.

**Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources**  
**Regulation 220-2-.101**

**Hunting of Captive Bred Mallard Ducks on Commercial Fowl Hunting Preserves**

Captive bred mallard ducks, properly marked in accordance with federal regulations, shall be legal fowl to be hunted on a licensed commercial fowl hunting preserve. Such hunting shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.